between Mr. K. Narayana Pisharodi and the Government regarding the boring operation in his tank in Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— The conditions under which the experimental boring operations were conducted in the place in question were explained in the answers to questions Nos. 57 and 58 of the budget session of 1102. These conditions were specified in the letters between the Chief Engineer and Mr. Pisharodi. There has been no execution of a separate formal agreement.

Particulars of certain tenders called for by the Public Works Department.

7. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**— In answer to question No. 62 of the last budget session, it is said that it is not found possible to prepare the exhaustive list, &c., asked for on account of the enormous number of contracts, &c. Will the Government be pleased to give a list of contract works above Rs. 3,000 for one year, i. e., 1102, given by the Chief Engineer, ignoring the lowest tender, showing the reason for refusing the lowest tender and the amount of excess that the Government had to spend for each item on this account and the names of the persons who gave the lowest tender and the names of the accepted tenderers in each case?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Vide Appendix II.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(Appendix II).

Without any exception the lowest tenders are always rejected. May I know why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question was which were the works on which the lowest tenders were not accepted. You will find that so many works were accepted on the lowest tenders, but they do not figure here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I ask why in none of these works the lowest tenders were not accepted. There are so many works here nearly a dozen.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The reasons are all printed and supplied to the Member. If the Member will have the patience to read through them, he will understand it.

President.—Do they throw any light on the question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are already so many works in which the lowest tenders were not accepted.

President.—Can we know in how many works the lowest tenders were accepted? Probably they will be innumerable.

A Bill to [illegible] Regulation I of 1081.

8. [illegible]

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 7.)

List of contract works above Rs. 3,000 given by the Chief Engineer.

Serial No.	Name of work	Lowest Tenders		Accepted Tenderers		Amount of estimate	Theoretical difference in work. Costs between lowest and accepted tenders	Remarks
		Name	Rate per cent	Name	Rate per cent			
1	Maintenance of Mungilmada road	C. K. Raman Ezhuthassan	15½ less	C. D. Chakku	8 less	4 720	365·80	For obvious reasons it does not seem proper to publish why the lowest tenders in each of the cases herein mentioned was not preferred. Several points have to be considered before a contract is awarded, but in which the lowest tender is not the most important consideration. Ability to handle the particular job, judged from his past performances, and also a consideration of the other current works the contractor has in the Department, are in general looked into before a contract is awarded. Even so, certain cases have to be treated specially when it is important to get works completed emergently or in a very short time. Works have again to be sub-divided as to whether they require technical experience on the part of the contractor, as in the case of foundations under water, Pile driving and other details of constructions too numerous to mention. Certain works may be of a hazardous nature where it may be possible as in the case generally of irrigation works, that untimely rains and other unforeseen natural causes may tax the resources of the contractor in providing urgent protective works in time. Contractors who are resourceful and who can command labour and materials at short notice have to be chosen for such works irrespective of the lowest bidders. These and other features of work are taken into consideration when tenders are accepted.
2	Do Thommana road	C. Raman Ezhuthassan	19 less	N. K. Govindan Ezhuthassan	16 less	4,623	115·57	
3	Do Nadupunni road, 1st section	K. Madhava Menon	15 ¼ less	C. D Chakku	12¼ less	4,720	141·60	
4	Do Karupadanna road, 2nd section	E. I. Vavoo	20 less	A. Varunni	20 less	4,565	22·82	
5	Do do 1st section	C. K. Raman Ezhuthassan	22 less	V. K. Narayanan Ezhuthassan	15 less	4,355	310·24	
6	Do Palappilli road	K. Madhava Menon	18¼ less	Govindan Raman	14¼ less	3,331	133·24	
7	Triprayar road	C. K. Raman Ezhuthassan	22¾ less	V. K. Narayanan Ezhuthassan	15 less	4,480	302·40	
8	Do Kandassankadavu road	C. A. Raman Ezhuthassan	21¾ less	N. O. Inasu	9 less	3,936	501·	
9	Do Shoranur road, 1st section	K. V. Chakku	21¾ less	K. V. Inasu	15½ less	3,859	241·19	
10	Thrittala road	T. L Varoo	18½ less	M. C. Anthony	15¼ less	4,720	153·40	
11	Do Nurne Mungilmada road	M. L. Ouseph	15½ less	Balakrishna Menon	12½ less	3,908	117·24	
12	Do Septic ward for the Irinjalakkuda Hospital	P. D. Kochu Devassy	18½ less	K. V. Inasu	12½ less	3,700	222·00	